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54. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim 44, wherein said image processing method further comprises the steps of:

an image data compression process of compressing said image data before memorizing said image data in said [primary] secondary memory device; and

an image data decompression process of decompressing said image data after reading out said image data from said secondary memory device by said image data reading-out device.

55. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim 51, wherein said image processing method further comprises the steps of:

an image data compression process of compressing said image data before memorizing said image data in said [primary] secondary memory device; and

an image data decompression process of decompressing said image data after reading out said image data from said secondary memory device by said image data reading-out device.

76. (Amended) The image processing apparatus as defined in claim [53] 70, wherein said error signal outputting device outputs the error signal only during the time period of practicing the process of outputting said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

78. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim [40] 41, wherein, in said memory access control process, said image data of the amount corresponding to said first value are previously input to said primary memory device from outside, prior to the outputting of said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

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79. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim [41] 43, wherein, in said memory access control process, said image data of the amount corresponding to said first value are previously input to said primary memory device from outside, prior to the outputting of said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

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81. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim [40] 41, wherein, in said error signal outputting process, the error signal is output only during the time period of practicing the process of outputting said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

82. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim [41] 43, wherein, in said error signal outputting process, the error signal is output only during the time period of practicing the process of outputting said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

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85. (Amended) The computer readable recording medium as defined in claim [57] 58, wherein, in said memory access control process, said recording medium records the program of causing said computer to practice the image processing method of previously inputting said image data of the amount corresponding to said first value to said primary memory device from outside, prior to the outputting of said image data to said secondary memory device from said primary memory device.

86. (Amended) The computer readable recording medium as defined in claim [58] 60, wherein, in said memory access control process, said recording medium records the program of causing said computer to practice the image processing method of previously inputting said image data of the amount corresponding to said first value to said primary